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Final Report

This is a report on the work done under grant DAHCO4 74 G0198 during the period October 1, 1974, to November 30, 1977.

The research has been primarily concerned with the development and analysis of numerical methods for solving elliptic partial differential equations. One area of emphasis has been on the use of iterative methods to solve large systems of linear algebraic equations with sparse matrices. The iterative methods considered have included the symmetric SOR method (SSOR method) and various variants of the Jacobi method. The use of Chebyshev acceleration and conjugate gradient acceleration has been considered. The object was to develop algorithms where the required iteration parameters are determined automatically and where realistic stopping procedures are used.

Some of the results of the research are described in the papers and reports listed below. However, all of the results will be incorporated in a Monograph [P1] now in preparation by Dr. Young and by Dr. L. A. Hageman of the Westinghouse Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory. This will appear as a SIAM Monograph, the preparation of which was supported in part by the ARO. Work on the SSOR methods is described in [R6], [R7], [ITR-1], and [ITR-2]. Work on stopping and adaptive procedures is described in [R5], [R8], [ITR-1], and [ITR-2]. Some theoretical results on Chebyshev acceleration and conjugate gradient acceleration are described in [R1].

The research on iterative methods forms a basis for work on the ITPACK project, which involves the development of computer programs based on iterative methods for solving large sparse systems. Preliminary work in ITPACK is described in the report of Kincaid and Grimes [ITR-2]. It is intended that the programs of ITPACK will be used in connection with the programs of ELLPACK (which is concerned with numerical methods for solving elliptic partial differential equation).

Another aspect of the work was concerned with the use of finite element methods to solve time-dependent partial differential equations using finite element methods. Some of this work is described in the thesis of Dr. Linda Hayes [T1]. Other work is described in [R2] and [R3].

During the period of the grant Dr. Linda Hayes wrote her Ph.D. thesis (see [T1]). A Ph.D. thesis by Cecilia Chang Jea is in progress (see [T2]).

Publications

- R1. L. A. Hageman, Franklin Luk, and David M. Young, "On the Acceleration of Iterative Methods," CNA-129, Center for Numerical Analysis, UT Austin, December 1977. (Prepublication copy enclosed.)
- R2. Linda J. Hayes, "Generalization of Finite Element Alternating-direction Techniques to Non-rectangular Regions," pp. 385-393 in Applications of Computer Methods in Engineering, Vol. I (L. C. Wellford, Jr., ed.), Proceedings of the Symposium on Applications of Computer Methods in Engineering, School of Engineering, University of Southern California, August 23-26, 1977, Los Angeles, California. (Reprints enclosed.)
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- ITR-2. David R. Kincaid and Roger G. Grimes, "ITPACK Report: Numerical Studies of Several Adaptive Iterative Algorithms," ITR-CNA-126, Center for Numerical Analysis, UT Austin, August 1977. (Copies enclosed.)

Work in Preparation

- Pl. L. A. Hageman and David M. Young, "Applied Iterative Methods," to appear as a SIAM Monograph.

Graduate Theses

- T1. Linda J. Hayes, "Generalization of Galerkin Alternating-direction Methods to Non-rectangular Regions Using Isoparametric Elements," Ph.D. dissertation, The University of Texas at Austin, 1977. (Copy enclosed.)
- T2. Cecilia Chang Jea, "The Numerical Solution of Linear and Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations," Ph.D. dissertation in progress.

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